

market, number one, the commodity prices falling, the costs of doing business. Do you think on top of it we ought to give them the biggest obstacle of all, and that is their own government coming in and saying, upon your death, we are going to tax you again on this property?

In Colorado, when you go into a small ranch and you do that, you know what then, instead of ranching being, perhaps, the use of the property that is desired, it then develops into highest and best use theory, which means you take that 3,000-acre ranch and divide it up into 35-acre partials and build homes all over it. It is the only way really in a lot of circumstances, if you do not have the wealth to afford life insurance, you can get out of this taxation.

I want people to be aware that there is a distinct difference between the Democrats, the administration's policy on the estate tax, the death tax, and the Republicans. The Republicans have, and I am not trying to be partisan here, but this is a partisan issue. This death tax has become a partisan issue. The Republicans are saying that this is an unfair tax on its face.

It is punitive on its face. The Democratic administration has come in and now this year in their budget, in the Clinton-Gore budget, they have proposed an increase in the estate tax, an increase, not help us get rid of it. I mean, the least they could do is help neutralize it or not raise it, but the Clinton-Gore administration has come in and said we are going to raise the estate tax.

And for any of my colleagues that might shake their heads, cannot believe it, take a look at the budget proposal. It is in there, a \$9.5 billion increase. The estate tax is fundamentally unfair, and we should do something about that.

In conclusion, as you know, we covered a bunch of different topics this evening. If I were to say what was the most important, it is, one, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, get out there and do your job in Colorado. You have got the resources. Do not use it as an excuse. The people deserve more from your agency.

Number two, Project Exile will work. Help us. Adopt it in your States; talk to your constituents about Project Exile. And, congratulations, by the way, to all of the partners in our Project Exile partnership in Colorado, whether it is Tom Strickland; Ken Salazar; my friend, Bill Owens; Ross George; Ray Powers; whoever it is out there, you are doing a good. We are going to make it work.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WELDON of Florida). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WELDON of Florida) at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1287, NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-532) on the resolution (H. Res. 444) providing for consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1287) to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3822, OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-533) on the resolution (H. Res. 445) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3822) to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of being unavoidably detained.

Mrs. LOWEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. McNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the next month on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GREENWOOD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of participating in a CODEL to India.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of participating in a CODEL to India.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FORD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RAMSTAD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, March 22.

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today, March 22, and March 23.

Mr. CAMP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, March 28.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, March 22.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, March 27.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today and March 22.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, March 22.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 96. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring the members of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) who are being awarded the AHEPA Medal for Military Service for service in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at 10:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6694. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Pork and Pork Products From Yucatan and Sonora, Mexico [Docket No. 97-079-2] (RIN: 0579-AA91) received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C.